









## IN COURT.

Mrs. Chadwick Does Not Testify, However.

IS PREVENTED BY ILLNESS.

NOT DECIDED WHETHER SHE WILL BE SUMMONED AGAIN.

GRAND JURY YET IN SESSION.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was brought into Bankruptcy Court here today in the bankruptcy proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness. Whether Mrs. Chadwick will again be summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Loefer, whose attorneys are expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court it is unlikely that she will give any testimony. If she does it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses even to allow her to be sworn as a witness.

Mrs. Chadwick was brought into the court room by several deputy marshals. She took a seat next to the desk of Referee Remington. She was pale, but appeared in somewhat better health than on the day of her arrival from New York last week. There were about a hundred persons present, including Mrs. Chadwick's nurse, Freda Swanstrom, and Emil Hoover, her son. When the court was ready to proceed, J. P. Dawley, attorney for Mrs. Chadwick, made the announcement that he would not allow her to be sworn, but had decided to have her come to court that it could not be said that she was shamming illness, although he knew her to be in no condition to be summoned.

Attorney in the Dark.

"I have not been able to carry on a connected conversation with this woman, owing to her condition," said Mr. Dawley. "I am as much in the dark about her affairs as anyone else."

Touching on the possibility of contempt proceedings growing out of the bankruptcy case, Attorney Dawley said: "You can send her back to jail if she is in contempt for not testifying. At night she can sleep in one cell and stay in another during the day."

Mrs. Chadwick became more nervous as the attorney argued, and seemed on the verge of fainting. Soon after the announcement was made that she was excused she returned to the jail in a carriage.

Explanation by Counsel.

Mr. Dawley stated today that at the time he reserved the right to withdraw the plea of not guilty in Mrs. Chadwick's case in the United States Court, it was done solely for the purpose of raising any question which might present itself as to the sufficiency of the indictment. He said he reserved the right of withdrawing the plea later and pleading guilty, as he had been intimidated. He said he reserved the right to withdraw the plea later and pleading guilty, as he had been intimidated. He said he reserved the right to withdraw the plea later and pleading guilty, as he had been intimidated.

Turned Over To Receiver.

Under an agreement reached today the Savings and Deposit Bank of Elyria, O., which holds a chattel mortgage on Mrs. Chadwick's household effects, turned over to Receiver Loefer the control of all its claims. The bank waived its claim to any rights to its prior action in attaching the goods. In consideration of this, the receiver is to pay the cost of seizure on the part of the bank before any other claims are liquidated.

County Grand Jury At Work.

The county grand jury had before it as witnesses today in connection with the Chadwick case, H. W. Kitchen, president of the State Bank and Trust Company, and Attorney George H. Foster. It is understood that the Chadwick inquiry by the present grand jury is nearly completed, and that a report will be forthcoming very soon. The jury adjourned this evening to meet again tomorrow.

Dr. Chadwick Coming.

Paris, Dec. 20.—It is now established that Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, O., and his daughter went to Dover, where they took second-class passage on the Hamburg American line steamer Pretoria, leaving there last Sunday.

ABUSES OF WATER DRINKING ARE COMMON.

Every One Commits Them According To a Professor of Clinical Medicine.

New York, Dec. 20.—A paper read before the New York Academy of Medicine today by a professor of clinical medicine in the New York Polytechnic Medical School on the subject of water drinking has aroused considerable discussion at the monthly meeting of the members.

"The abuses of water drinking are committed by every one," said the professor, "in his routine work. Usually no harm is done, even though we endeavor to achieve the results desired. But the contrary is true in the not infrequent cases where we add to the burden of an already taxed heart and circulation, and where we thoughtlessly augment the embarrassments of organs we are striving to relieve."

"Most striking of all is the abuse of water drinking in chronic nephritis. Patients require no going to bed, and much as possible. To doubt the efficacy of 'kidney flushing' is the rankest heresy, that good might result from reducing the daily amount of fluids to normal quantities is comprehensible, and yet such is the case."

"In heart diseases the abuse of fluids is less evident, but none the less serious in its consequences. Every drop of water taken into the body means additional work for the heart."

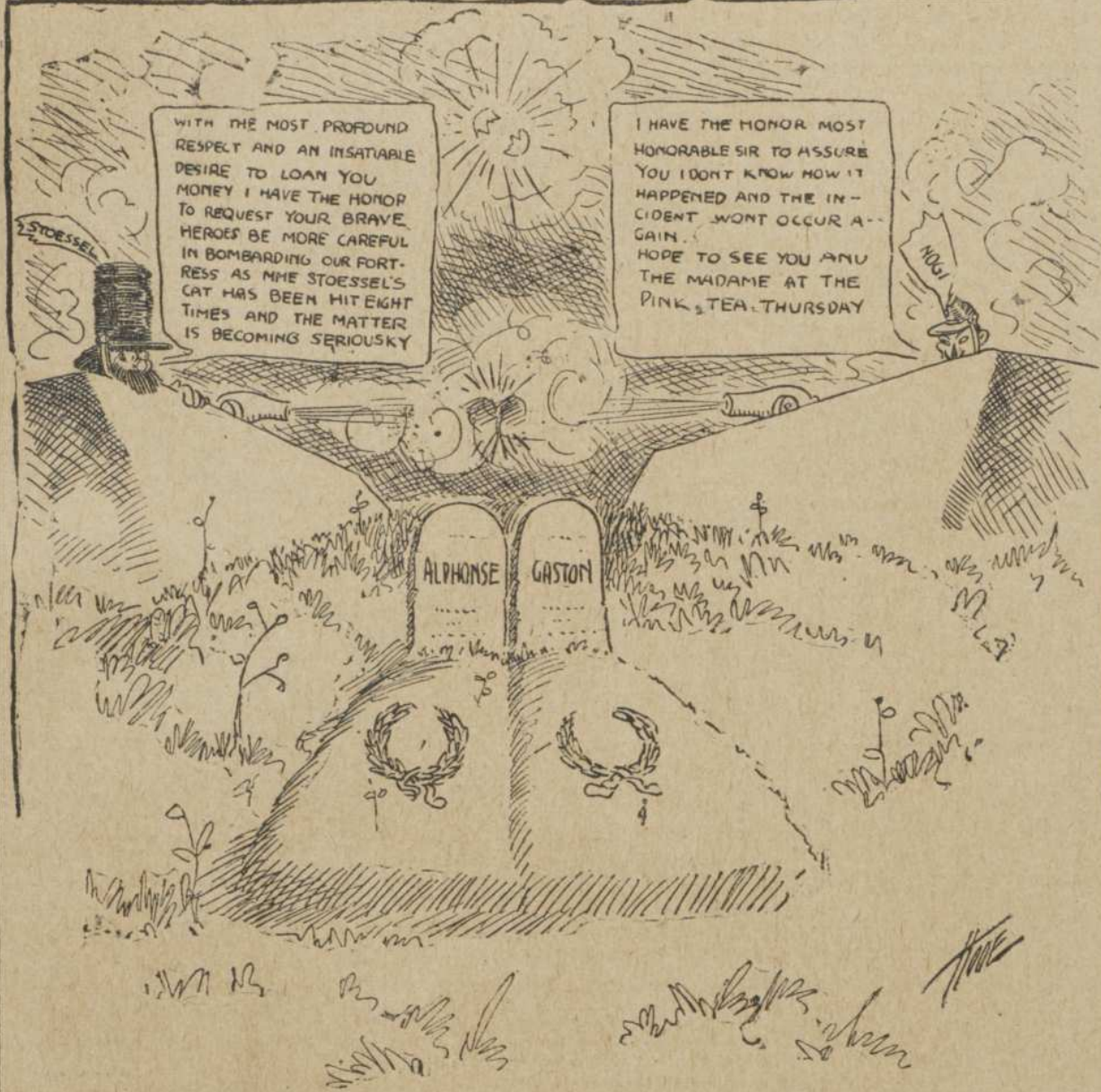
Plundered by Thieves.

Newport, Ky., Dec. 20.—Thieves plundered the home of Postmaster Fuller Shanks, of Onondaga, while he and his family were attending the funeral of his mother this morning. They stole a shotgun, rifle, revolver, jewelry, two suits of clothes, two razors and \$100 in money.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

## NO REST EVEN IN THE GRAVE.



## SOLDIERS

Are Kept Busy Quelling Armed Uprisings.

MOROS ARE GIVING TROUBLE.

BUT GEN. WOOD SAYS THEIR POWER IS BROKEN.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR TROOPS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Gen. Wood, commanding the Department of Mindanao, Philippine division, in his annual report to the War Department, says that the troops of the department have been in the field a greater portion of the year quelling armed uprisings and preventing slave trade and kindred abuses. He says that in almost every instance actual fighting was initiated by the Moros.

"Conditions among the Moros throughout the department are generally peaceful," the general says.

"The establishment of civil government and the extension over them of certain laws and regulations has caused some excitement and at times serious resistance, especially the law prohibiting slavery. In some sections active hostility has been engendered by our presence, especially in the Lake Lanao region, where almost constant murderous attacks on workmen and soldiers were the rule until the effects of the recent expeditions to the Taraca side of the lake, combined with additions to other sections of the Lanao, were felt by the Moros."

The power of the Moros of that section, he says, has been completely broken.

Continuing, the report says: "In Jolo affairs are quiet. The prompt crushing of Hassan's uprising has made a deep impression on the people, and the abrogation of the Bates agreement has done much to bring to an end the unfortunate conditions which existed under it."

Datto Ali's party, the report adds, is the only band of Moros now openly hostile, and it is small and is being followed by troops and scouts. Gen. Wood says it is believed there will not be any serious resistance of authority by the Moros in the future, but there will be constant work of a police character, requiring the use of troops and constabulary.

The report shows that trials by general courts martial and disciplinary courts continued and increased for officers, enlisted men and increased for officers.

Revenue Collections.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The monthly statement of the collections for the month of November, 1904, to have been \$21,262,352, an increase as compared with November, 1903, of \$414,467. For the first five months ended November 30, 1904, the receipts were \$101,673,667, a decrease as compared with \$105,479,869.

A Bust of Gen. Kilpatrick.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A marble bust of Maj. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick, of Civil War fame, has been placed in the reception room of the Secretary of War. That action was taken with the approval of Secretary Taft at the request of the widow of Gen. Kilpatrick, now residing in Switzerland, acting through Senator Ellkins, of West Virginia.

The President Will Speak.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt today accepted an invitation to attend the Lincoln day dinner to be given by the Republican club of New York on the 13th of next February. The invitation was extended by William D. Murphy, of New York, on behalf of the club. The president will deliver an address at the dinner.

Officers Vindicated.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Vindication for all the officers and men on the Massachusetts is contained in the report of the board appointed by the commandant of the League Island navy yard to investigate the recent accident on board that vessel in which the death of several men was caused by the blowing off of a gasket.

The Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 20.—While all members of the Cabinet attended today's meeting and the session was longer than usual, few questions except matters of routine were considered. Secretary Taft said at the conclusion of the meeting that he had submitted to the

President his report of his mission to Panama.

Warships Out of Commission.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Orders have been issued by the navy department to put out of commission the cruisers San Francisco, New Orleans and Atlanta and the gunboat Marietta. The San Francisco and New Orleans have been attached to the Asiatic fleet.

Count Cassini Ill.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, is not at all well and has been confined to his room for several days.

Seri Indian Tribe

IS ON THE WARPATH.

Members Are Known To Be Cannibals and Have Captured Several Fishermen.

Mazatlan, Mex., Dec. 20.—The Seri Indians, inhabiting Tiburon island, off the coast of Sonora, are on the warpath. Within the past few days Mexican fishermen from the island have arrived at Guaymas and report that several fishermen have been captured and taken to the interior of the island by the Indians. It is also reported that two American prospectors from Arizona, named Ferguson and Drake, who left Guaymas for Tiburon island, were captured by the Indians. The Seris are known to be cannibals. They have announced that they intend to hold the island for themselves.

Rafael Isabel, Governor of Sonora, is now preparing to leave Hermosillo with a large force of Mexican troops to subdue the Seris. If the Indians show organized opposition a campaign of extermination will be opened.

DOUBLE WEDDING TAKES PLACE AT KNOXVILLE.

One of the Brides Would Not Promise To Obey Her Husband.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—[Special.] A double wedding was solemnized at the Imperial Hotel parlors this afternoon, the Rev. J. H. Snow officiating. The contracting parties were Dr. L. Berry Croley and Mrs. Patricia Steele and Dr. William Josiah Smith and Miss Martha E. Croley. The latter arrived here this morning from their home in Williamsburg, Ky., having decided to give their friends a Christmas surprise by their elopement and marriage. Just before the ceremony Mrs. Steele requested of Dr. Snow that he omit from the responses in the ceremony that portion where the bride promises to obey her husband, explaining that she had been married before. The minister acquiesced.

FOUR MEN KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION.

They Comprised the Entire Force of the Sawmill, Where the Disaster Occurred.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 20.—Four men were killed and their bodies terribly mangled as the result of a boiler explosion at the sawmill of B. F. Redlin, near Kohnsburg, Columbia county, today. The dead are: WILLIAM REDLINE, IRVIN KLINE, CHARLES WRIGHT, and ELIAS ASH.

These men comprised the entire force of the sawmill. The boiler was comparatively new and the cause of the explosion is unknown.

NO SANTA CLAUS FOR CHILD. MOTHER TRIED TO KILL HER.

New York, Dec. 20.—Because she could not buy a Christmas present for her three-year-old daughter, Mrs. Mary Metzger, of Jersey City, today tried to cut the little girl's throat with a knife. The child's screams attracted neighbors, who rescued her, after she had been badly injured. The mother then tried to kill herself, but was prevented. Mrs. Metzger was arrested and the child was taken to a hospital, where, it is said, she may die.

OHIO FROZEN OVER AT ANDERSON'S FERRY.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 20.—The river has closed over at Anderson's Ferry and the residents of Cincinnati, Ky., and "Stringtown on the Pike" are crossing over today without paying fare. The ice is nearly a foot thick. The gorge above the city at the intake pier of the new waterworks is still holding.

Death of An Aged Nun.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Mother Ann, aged eighty-nine, is dead at St. Cecilia Academy in this city. She was at one time mother superior of this

academy. She had been a nun for sixty-six years. Ann Hanlon was her name before she took the vows.

NUNS RESCUED FROM A BURNING BUILDING.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Thrilling rescue of nine nuns, sisters of Hotel Dieu, marked the progress of a fire that destroyed it today. Two of the nuns were injured and were carried from the building almost exhausted by smoke. The sisters were captured and taken to the convent, where they were rescued by the time of the arrival of the firemen, who carried them down a ladder from the burning building. The sisters belong to the order known as the Sisters of Hotel Dieu, the French Hospitalier Sisters. They came from Quebec, Canada, a short time ago. The loss on the building was \$4,000.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE ON PART OF OFFICERS.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 20.—The coroner's jury in the inquest over the victims of the suspension bridge disaster brought in a verdict declaring that the bridge was in an unsafe condition and that the officers of the bridge were guilty of gross negligence on the part of all the officers of Charleston in their care and maintenance of the bridge. The jury found that since January 30, 1896, to the day of the disaster, but the jury was unable to fix the responsibility of the disaster on any particular officer or set of officials of the city.

WIFE OF COL. AMES SECURES HIS PARDON.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.—The State Board of Pardons today granted a pardon to Col. Frederick Ames, brother of former Mayor A. A. Ames, of Minneapolis. Col. Ames was Chief of Police and was convicted of "graft" during his administration. Col. Ames' pardon is due to the untiring efforts of his wife, who during the last year has been unceasingly active in collecting evidence tending to show that her husband was the victim of designing officials under him.

FORMER POLITICIAN ENDS HIS LIFE IN A CLUBROOM.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Francis A. Brokowski, once a politician, has committed suicide in the rooms of the Republican Marching Club. Turning on all the gas jets in a room, he lay on a sofa and waited for death.

He was sixty-three years old, a graduate of Oxford University, and was born in London. He served three terms as member of the Illinois Legislature and later held several political offices in Chicago.

WILL TAKE PLACES OF LEITER'S STRIKING MINERS.

Carbonade, Ill., Nov. 20.—Sixty skilled miners from Pennsylvania arrived at Zeigler today and were immediately taken into the stockade at Leitch, where there has been a strike for some time. A heavy guard accompanied them from the stockade and they were taken into the stockade at Leitch. The statement is made that 700 tons of coal had been mined at Zeigler and is expected that before the week is finished the output will be 1,200 tons.

A SWITCHMAN'S BODY IS CUT INTO SMALL PIECES.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 20.—Constantine Osterland, a Mobile and Ohio switchman, was ground to death here today and his body cut into small pieces. One of the found wedges tightly lodged in the throat, and the cause of the explosion is unknown.

Many Japanese Deserters.

Mukden, Dec. 20.—Deserters from the Japanese army are reported daily. They report there is much suffering from hunger, but more from the cold, and that the Japanese guard at Asagiri, who are going to Mongolia, which is regarded as indicating that they are not being paid. There was only occasional cannonading at the front today.

Big List of Officers Killed.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Imperial headquarters today published a list of twenty-five officers killed in the recent attacks on "a certain fortress."

The fortress referred to is undoubtedly Port Arthur.

Going After the Baltic Fleet.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hong-Kong says he has learned on trustworthy authority that a powerful Japanese squadron of battleships and armored cruisers is proceeding south, accompanied by fifteen colliers and transports, to attack the Russian Baltic squadron.

Mobilizing the Reserves.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Mobilization

## LOUBET

Receives Members of International Commission.

DELCASSE ENTERTAINS THEM.

ADMIRAL DAVIS FAILS TO ARRIVE IN PARIS ON TIME.

FIRST SESSION ON THURSDAY.

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Loubet today received at the Elysee Palace the members of the International Commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, but the non-arrival of Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis prevented American participation. It was expected that Admiral Davis would land at Dover from the Finland and cross over to Calais, arriving here a few hours before the reception, but his determination to go on to Antwerp postponed his arrival until tomorrow. He telegraphed the embassy that he would reach Paris Wednesday afternoon. In the meantime arrangements were completed for M. Loubet's reception and Foreign Minister Delcasse's breakfast to-day, but the formal opening of the sessions of the commission will have to be postponed until the arrival of Admiral Davis completes the membership.

Brilliant Reception.

The reception of the commission at the Elysee Palace presented a brilliant scene. A guard of colonial infantry, drawn up in the court of the palace, saluted the commission as it received the commission in the audience chamber, surrounded by naval and military officials. The commission's staffs were in the showy uniforms of their various countries. The British and Russian admirals exchanged pleasantries. Admiral Kaznakoff is a youthful admiral, with keen face and of stocky build. Rear Admiral Sir Lewis A. Boustead, no addresser, is tall, towering above his colleagues. After M. Loubet had welcomed the commission, the commission's brief meeting of the Council of Ministers.

Delcasse's Breakfast.

M. Delcasse's breakfast to the commission was given, all the Admirals except Admiral Davis attending. There were no addresses. The breakfast on M. Delcasse's right was Admiral Poincaré, French member of the commission. Madame Delcasse's right was Admiral Kaznakoff, and on her left Admiral Beaumont. Covers were laid for twenty-eight persons, many French officials being present.

M. Delcasse conducted the commission to the sumptuous apartments of the Elysee Palace.

During the reception at the Elysee Palace M. Loubet spoke to Admiral Beaumont of the happy international relations following King Edward's visit to Paris, and expressed a wish that the King would make another visit to the French capital.

BRITISH STEAMERS SEIZED.

Two of Them Fall Into the Clutches of the Japanese.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—The Japanese protected cruiser Tsuchima seized the British steamer Nigretia, bound for Vladivostok, yesterday. An examination of the Nigretia's cargo showed she had a large quantity of contraband of war on board. She was sent to Sasebo for trial before the prize court. It is reported that the Nigretia had on board officers and men of the Russian fleet, who had escaped from Shanghai and were attempting to regain the Russian line. The Nigretia belongs to Allen & Co., of Leith, Scotland.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—There appears to be doubt about the command of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoy, who has been interned here since his vessel was seized yesterday.

It is understood that the King Arthur took supplies to Port Arthur. She had on board Russian naval officers, who were attempting to join the Russian second Pacific squadron. The King Arthur was taken to Sasebo for trial.

ANOTHER JAP HERO.

Tokio Just Now Is Sounding the Praises of Samelima.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—All Japan is today ringing with praises of Gen. Samelima as the hero of the assault on Keelung mountain fort. It is conceded that his heroism was a great asset and turned a threatened disaster into an splendid victory. Gen. Samelima is an old Samuray veteran of the war of Restoration and is a native of the province of gray haired and bent, but is wiry and active. He is an engineer, and was formerly a candidate for Representative from Fayette county at the election this fall. Representative I. N. Hughes, it is said, will start for re-election.

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## REFORM

School Found In Excellent Condition

BY THE FAYETTE GRAND JURY.

JOHN WEBB ACCIDENTALLY KILLED WHILE HUNTING.

GEORGE BASTION INDICTED.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20.—[Special.]—The Fayette county grand jury adjourned today after sitting thirteen days, handing in to Judge Parker a lengthy report of its investigations.

The jury visited the State Houses of Reform at Greendale in this county, of which institution the report says: "We found 208 boys and about 70 girls under the care and supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Dink. We visited every part of each building and departments and found each in perfect condition, and it is a pleasure to commend the management of the institution. The boys were busily engaged in weaving rugs, buttoning in a great many penitentiary chair frames. We were informed that the boys were taught to do some of the things as to seven each day during the hours they worked. The superintendent informed us that they were instructed in other industries and also in farming, besides being taught in school a certain length of time each day so that when released each one will have required sufficient knowledge to earn an honest living. The seventy girls were principally in school at the hour of our visit and seemed to be happy and contented. These little girls were ready at a moment's notice to entertain us with delightful songs. It was pathetic to see so many little girls there, but none of us doubted that they were more comfortable and happier than if they had not been brought from normal environments and that the broad acres surrounding them are very attractive and well adapted to the purpose contemplated."

Accidentally Killed Himself.

John Webb, aged eighteen, son of William Webb, a prominent Fayette county farmer, was accidentally killed at his home today on a Sunday. Webb, a young Webb, who was a junior at the State College, had just returned from school and after attending to some chores about the house, picked up the gun and remarked that he would go out and shoot some birds. Robert, his younger brother, hurried to accompany him. They had not been gone but a few moments when the young man in climbing over a fence in the yard, discharged one barrel of the gun. The load of bird shot passed entirely through his body on the left side, killing him instantly. An older brother, William Webb, resides at Kenosha, I. T.

Indicted For Arson.

George Bastion, the eighteen-year-old son of Wallace Bastion, employed at the Walnut Hall, was indicted yesterday by Judge Parker for the murder of L. V. Harkness, was today indicted, charged with setting fire to the Donerall school house. The boy confessed to the crime, stating that he was tired of going to school. The family and friends of the young man cannot account for his queer actions. The house was destroyed by fire some months ago and had been replaced. The trial was passed till tomorrow, but it is expected that any will be placed in the Reform School.

Jury Has the Case.

The trial of W. N. Burn, of Winchester, on the charge of embezzlement here, which was begun a week ago, was given to the jury today. The charge is that Burn, who is a director in the Industrial Mutual Investment Company here, took from the company June 15, 1904, \$200 which was declared a dividend, representing the earnings of the company. The books showed that he took stock in the company paid into it over a million dollars, but failed to show that the company ever owned any stock. The charge is that he took the money and paid back to its certificate holders less than one-half of the money they put in. The jury after considering the evidence, returned a verdict of guilty, and was sent to a hotel in charge of the Sheriff.

Died At Evanston.

The remains of T. J. Cassell, who died at Evanston, Ill., yesterday, will be brought here. The jury will sit in the Lexington cemetery. Mr. Cassell died of cancer which had developed several months ago. He was fifty-three years old and was born near Nicholasville, in Jessamine county. He married Miss Sallie Pullen, of this county. He was for years engaged in the grocery business here and was later bookkeeper for the Second National Bank. For a number of years he was a member of the City Council.

News In Brief.

Mrs. Louise Pullen, stricken with paralysis here Sunday, died at 2 o'clock this morning. Her daughter, Mrs. John B. Davis, of Brownsville, Tenn., and her other children had arrived before she died.

George Campbell, aged thirty, was held to the grand jury here today, charged with stealing a lady's cloak from his boarding house and selling it to a pawnbroker for \$3.50.

O. L. Bradley, father of the Phoenix National Bank here, and Joseph Grady have formed a partnership and will establish a general furnishing store, T. Bradley, formerly employed a number of years as Auditor's office at Frankfort, will be associated with the firm.

W. B. Hawkins, president of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association, announced here today that he would not be a candidate for Representative from Fayette county at the election this fall. Representative I. N. Hughes, it is said, will start for re-election.

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"Business."

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 20.—The session of the stock market to-day was dull, with trading confined to a few of the most active issues. At times it was thought that a quiet investment demand was being met, and the tone of the market was good, though large professional operators were not taking any prominent part. The close was higher as a rule.

Rates for money indicate no stringency over the first of the year, call loans ruling at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, and time loans at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2. Sterling exchange was easier.

Liverpool quotations were lower, and the Chicago wheat market shaded off in response, the May option being 1/2 cent lower, the close, with corn down 1/2 and oats unchanged.

The cotton market opened weak and was hampered down still lower, closing about the lowest of the day.

The Chicago cattle market was steady, the hog market steady to 5c lower, the sheep market steady and lambs low, lower.

An Apt Definition.

A speaker at the Pennsylvania dinner in New York aptly said that there are enough Democrats in the country if they would all vote one way at any one time, adding that the two factions have been so busy trying to get hold of the party machinery that they never get within reach of the Government machinery. "If we do not stop this," he declared, "there will come a time when a Democrat will be defined as a man who does not like a Republican and who does not agree with a Democrat." That definition might well have been applied, long ago, for the inability of Democrats to agree among themselves began before the troublesome days of '96, and was particularly notable when such agreement was called for during the period that the Democrats were charged with the full administration of the Government.

Southern Development.

The output of coal oil from the various fields in Texas, chiefly in the southern section of the State, for the eleven months ending November 30 approximated 17,500,000 barrels. Yet the shortage of the year, as compared with the last, is estimated at 2,300,000 barrels. In four districts not remote from each other the average daily production is 35,000 barrels. Prospecting is still going on, and new wells of strong and abundant flow are constantly being brought in. At Humble, a point not far distant from Houston, has been developed a phenomenal well, which, while giving indications of oil, has discharged chiefly great volumes of gas, which has thrown mud and other substances to a height of 800 feet. Among other things discharged has been considerable sulphur, the presence of which far beneath the surface in all that region is supposed to be an important element in the production of coal oil. In Calcasieu parish, La., a hundred miles or more from the Texas line, is found far beneath the surface a bed of pure sulphur 200 feet thick, from which large quantities of sulphur are derived for use in this country, as well as for foreign export. The material is not mined, owing to some conditions which under the process are impracticable, but hot water is forced down through pipes which liquefy the sulphur, and when the fluid is pumped up the water in it is evaporated and it is ready for commercial use in a pure state. It is largely exported to France as a disinfectant for vineyards, and is superior to the Italian article derived from volcanic sources. This development, as well as that of oil, has taken place within the past decade, and in connection with the exhaustless deposits of salt in Western Texas and Southern Louisiana constitutes extensive business interests, involving the investment of large capital, attracting thrifty immigration and yielding profitable returns.

Small Cotton Farms.

The Department of Agriculture has at last hit upon an experiment to help the cotton planter which seems practicable. Small cotton farms are to be established in several parishes of Louisiana. They are not to be Government farms, but are to be established by the owners of the land under the direction of an expert of the Department. This expert is Col. John E. Adger, who lives in Louisiana, has raised nearly forty

crops of cotton, and has been successful. He is to apply what is called the Knapp system of culture. He says when it was first mentioned to him he laughed at it, believing that nobody could teach him how to grow cotton. He tried it, however, and became a complete convert.

Col. Adger will put in about twenty-five of these farms in the parishes of Acadia, Calcasieu, Vermilion and Lafayette. He will select the seed best adapted to the purpose and will watch the process of culture through all its stages.

This plan was tried in the boll-weevil districts of Texas this year. The results are said to have been marvelous. Many planters were enabled to raise more cotton, in spite of the boll-weevil, than they had ever produced before the pest made its appearance. At all events, these experiments are easily made, and they seem to promise a great diminution in the ravages of the weevil.

The Forces At Work In Russia.

Despite the efforts of the Russian Government to conceal the desperate condition in some parts of the empire resulting from the calling out of the reserve or, as known there, the reservists, as re-enforcements for the army in Manchuria, authentic accounts are published of terrible scenes of frequent occurrence in Poland and other disaffected provinces. In some towns wives of reservists have thrown themselves in front of trains which were bearing their husbands to Russia and have been crushed to death. In some instances rather than be enrolled men have killed their wives and children and then committed suicide. In three districts the people have been fired upon by Russian recruiting parties, and in one case, when orders were given to decimate the Polish reservists who refused to march, the Polish Colonel Dzwonkowski blew his own brains out in front of his men. More than 40,000 Polish reservists have been mobilized, in spite of their protests that Russia is not their fatherland and that they would rather die in Poland fighting for their liberty than serve in the Russian army.

It is such demonstrations as these, not by any means confined to Poland, but developed in other parts of the empire, as well in Russia proper as in conquered provinces which have long been held in subjection by the presence of garrisons and by a rigid civil and military discipline, that have alarmed the autocratic Government at St. Petersburg. Their effect taken in connection with the political demonstrations by the Social Labor element and the more conservative action of the Zemstvos, is thought to have tempered the policy of the Government as evinced in the abolition of penal servitude in Siberia, and of the knout or the lash, together with the granting of many other concessions never heretofore enjoyed by the humbler classes.

Another instance of the influence of the war and its internal complications and of popular unrest traceable to it has been shown in the late trial of Sasonoff for the assassination of Plevne, the bloodthirsty Minister of the Interior. The plot was deliberate and executed in open day. The accused when placed on trial confessed the deed and justified it as a patriotic act. Yet on conviction by the body before which he was tried he was merely sentenced to imprisonment for life and his confederate for twenty years. But even this sentence was reduced by the Emperor's manifesto to a term of fourteen years for Sasonoff and one of ten years for Sikonofsky, his colleague. Although the trial was held with barred doors and hurried to its conclusion, there were evidences of great uneasiness and alarm produced by the popular demonstrations in the streets, only restrained from violence by the presence of troops and large bodies of police.

The leniency in the treatment of these assassins is in remarkable contrast to the policy pursued under former similar conditions and can only be construed as an evidence of the threatening conditions prevalent in the empire. But for the war with Japan and the popular demonstrations of unrest there can be no question that both the two prisoners would have been condemned to death, and that many other alleged participants or sympathizers in the conspiracy would have met the same or scarcely less extreme fate. Had the successor of Plevne, Minister Mirsky, been of the same type there would have been no such half-heartedness in the work. But in contrast with his predecessor he has assumed the role of a conservative anxious to placate the people and make reasonable concessions to their demands. Until his accession to office the reactionary or extreme radical policy favored by Sergius, Alexis and Michaelovitch, and by Alexiev, had prevailed over the milder and more conservative views of the Emperor and led to the disposal from the Cabinet of the able Minister of Finance, Witte.

It remains to be seen what will be the result of this change of policy, whether it will be received by the mass of the people as a concession made in good faith and with a real desire to promote their broader freedom, or as a surrender of power under fear and compulsion and operate as an incentive for more radical demands. When a people so long held under subjection move in earnest for freedom they rarely pause halfway or are satisfied with the mere semblance of liberty. There is no halfway ground between absolutism and republicanism, which can be reached with any prospect of stability except through revolution and a long schooling fitting the liberated for self-government. It has taken the French people the greater part of a century to make the change with any reasonable assurance of stability. The elements which go to make up such an empire

"ON DIT"

The Old Story.

It is said that when Peary starts next summer for the Arctic regions he will be better prepared for success than any previous explorer. His ship will be equipped with more powerful engines. He will also get to his base at an earlier time in the season, and he will profit by his past experience and that of other explorers.

This is the same old story. Since Arctic exploration began every well-considered attempt to reach the pole has claimed certain features which previous explorers had lacked. Yet there has been one long uninterrupted series of failures. Many of those who started to the pole never got back. The bones of many written the dreary field of snow and ice in regions quite unfit for human habitation.

It is further said that when Peary sails he ought to have his arrangements made to stay five or six years. At present the expenses for one year have not been fully provided. It is thought by the New York Tribune "an infinite pity" that no American having the requisite means has offered to pay the whole cost of the expedition.

But why is it an infinite pity? There are many such Americans who could pay the cost without feeling the expenditure except that they would have in consequence less to give for other objects which they might think possessed superior claims upon them. But what great public interest would be served by the discovery of the pole, or what would be far more likely to happen, approaching nearer to it by a few minutes of latitude? This latter is of no service at all except that it enables the explorer to boast that he has gone farther than any predecessor. But suppose the pole were reached, what good would that do?

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Somehow this reasoning does not seem very satisfactory. Whatever may be discovered, nobody will go to those frozen regions except those who are willing to take their lives in their hands, and only a few will do that. Doubtless we should like to know whether there is land or water at the pole, but the information would be of no practical value.

Before any millionaire undertakes to pay the whole expense of such an expedition, it would be well for him to reflect on the serious consequences that might follow. He might, indeed, be willing to waive the contention that he could give his money to worthy objects. But he ought to take into the account the possibility, even the probability, that the men attempting the task, or many of them, will perish. The courage of these men is indeed admirable, but they ought not to be exposed to such dangers without grave reasons. It is at least an open question whether the probable results justify the risk. There are more than 500 miles to be traversed from the highest point yet reached before the explorer can come to the pole. There is a possibility that this distance may be considerably more than that, and the delicate birds, for even though many days are covered, but in view of the numerous attempts and as many failures the probabilities are all the other way. If a party reached the pole it might never get back to tell of it.

One point with reference to the next expedition may be taken as diminishing the chances that the explorers will get lost, and facilitating means of rescue. It is contemplated to use wireless telegraphy by establishing stations connecting the Marconi station at the mouth of the St. Lawrence with Peary's winter quarters at about 82 degrees north latitude. If the apparatus worked well and did not get out of order, this would enable Peary to keep in touch with the outside world so long as he was in winter quarters, and would afford him facilities for ordering such supplies as he might need. But the most dangerous part of his route would be along the fields of ice to the north when he should have left his winter quarters, and it might not be possible for him to keep in touch with the rest of the world while pushing toward the pole.

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Points About People.

Wednesday, Dec. 21.

"Bin Liven here?" asked the messenger boy as he approached the clerk at the Galt House.

"Yes, I have been living here for some time," replied the somewhat astonished clerk.

"Now, I don't mean you," returned the boy, "Bin Liven at the Galt House?"

"Certainly, I have been living at the Galt House," said the clerk, beginning to show some exasperation.

"I don't care where you have been," said the messenger, "I want to know is, Bin Liven here, at the Galt House, in this hotel?"

"It's none of your business," replied the clerk, now thoroughly angry. "Tell me what you want or get out of here."

"Aw, git wise to yourself, I have a message for Bin Liven," said the boy, exhibiting the yellow envelope.

"He means Ben Liven, of New York, who registered here this afternoon," said the other clerk on duty, signing for the telegram.

The clerk at the telegram office had written the Ben as if it were Bin and was really responsible for the boy's mistake.

Olle M. James, the First district Congressman, passed through Louisville yesterday on his way to his home at Marion, Ky., to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. James was at Seelbach's Hotel, and during the day saw Judge John M. Lanning, Urey Woodson, Morgan China and other Democrats, who happened to be in the city.

"Practically nothing has been done by Congress so far except to pass a few appropriation bills," said Mr. James, "but the Republicans feel that they would have in consequence less to give for other objects which they might think possessed superior claims upon them. But what great public interest would be served by the discovery of the pole, or what would be far more likely to happen, approaching nearer to it by a few minutes of latitude? This latter is of no service at all except that it enables the explorer to boast that he has gone farther than any predecessor. But suppose the pole were reached, what good would that do?"

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ON THE FUNNY BONE.

Taking No Chances.

I don't expect I'd better play with Jimmy Brown no more.

An' who is he? Why, Jimmy Brown's the boy that lives next door.

An' why do I stop playin' with him? I'll tell you, it's because

He's been a-tellin' folks that he don't believe in Santa Claus.

This boy don't believe in nothin' much; he says the world ain't round; he claims there ain't no curve to it that he has ever found.

He says the sun moves 'round the earth without a single pause.

An' lately here he says that he don't believe in Santa Claus.

I don't keer nothin' 'bout the earth or 'bout the sun or moon, or

But I ain't goin' to take no chances with Christ-mas mornin' soon;

An' you can bet 'till it's gone past that I don't play, good laws!

With any boy that says that he don't believe in Santa Claus.

Christmas Cigars.

First Clubman—I see Ennepek has started for home. He has to be in early or nights.

Second Clubman—Only at Christmas. She always bestows two or three boxes of it upon him then.

Fully Qualified.

Julius Caesar, Hamlet and Romeo called on Shakespeare to look a proverb or two up for him. He complied with them bit-terly, "that Lady Macbeth is in any way qualified to appear upon the stage."

"Why not?" inquired the Bard of Avon.

"He's killed her man, hasn't she?"

Discomfited, the trio withdrew. There remained nothing more to be said.

The Annual Problem.

How doth this question make me sigh and stand under the mistletoe?

How can five plunks the presents buy To fill eight pairs of hose?

A Surgical Operation.

"I wonder what the children are doing. They seem very quiet," said Prof. Old-pon, who had been left in charge while his wife did some Christmas shopping.

"I noticed 'em in the library just now," replied the visiting friend, "and they seemed to be performing a surgical operation on that new Edison phonograph."

"A surgical operation?" cried the startled professor. "Why, what do you mean?"

"Oh, they were just cutting out its appendix."

A Bold Girl.

Graves-Edghe is dreadfully forward. She stood under the mistletoe for an hour last evening, and when that failed to work she inveigled that young broker, Stockeigh, into the conservatory and

asked him to explain to her what was meant by a "surgical operation."

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HOME WEDDINGS.

Miss Lucy Belle Hemphill and Mr. Edwin W. Fay, and Miss Lucy Farmer and Mr. Jesse Gathright Married Last Evening.

Hemphill-Fay.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season was solemnized yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock, when Miss Lucy Belle Hemphill and Mr. Edwin W. Fay, of Austin, Tex., were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hemphill, of 314 Brook street.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor in front of the mantel, which was banked with green and flanked with palms. Clusters of polka-dots were placed on the mantel, and the chairs and door frames throughout the house were hung with smilax, and the chairs and door frames throughout the house were hung with smilax, and the chairs and door frames throughout the house were hung with smilax.

Deep pink chrysanthemums were used in the dining room, and the hall was arranged with pink carnations.

The bride party came down the front stairs to the parlor, where they were met by the groom and his best man, Mr. Morgan Callaway, of Austin, Tex.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white tulle with a green sash, and the groom wore a dark suit with a white shirt and a dark tie.

The ceremony was followed by an informal reception and the guests were served with refreshments.

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## SUGGESTS

## That Will Be Recorded During Lifetime.

## COL. JEWETT WOULD REVERSE

## INDIANA LAWS IN CERTAIN PARTICULARS.

## COMMISSION NOW AT WORK.

A commission has been appointed to revise the laws of Indiana in order that important changes may be made by the Legislature of that State, which convenes early next month. Prominent lawyers have been asked by the commission to suggest changes which, in their opinion, should be made. Among the lawyers approached on the subject is Col. Charles L. Jewett, of New Albany, who has mailed several proposed changes, most of which refer to practice in the courts, and therefore are not of public interest.

One of the suggested changes, however, is a startling innovation from the fact that it proposes a proceeding whereby wills may be established while the person making them is living. It provides, should it be enacted, that a person may, after giving notice to his heirs, go into court and have his will established. The document may be either probated openly in court with its provisions made public, or it may be established without the contents being known, by the document being authenticated by the signature of the Judge with the seal of the court. A fee of \$25 for the county treasury is required, and on payment of a like sum, another will may be made and altered at any time. It can be seen at a glance that this procedure would eliminate from the practice of the courts all will contests which have heretofore been a fruitful source of revenue for attorneys when rich estates were left.

Col. Jewett has had large experience in the litigation arising from contested will cases and he considers the proposed plan a good one. He was attorney in the noted cases to contest the wills of the late W. C. DePaul and the late W. R. Cubbertson, wealthy citizens of New Albany, who were considered through out the country business men of more than ordinary sagacity. Their wills were carefully drawn up after much thought and deliberation by skilled attorneys, yet these documents were so successfully attacked after their death that the matters had to be compromised and in consequence many of their most cherished plans were overthrown. Had the law like the one proposed been in force then, there would have been no possibility of altering their plans by a contested will case after their deaths, it is argued.

## INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUPS

## To Be Used By Tabernacle Baptist Church.

The congregation of the Tabernacle Baptist church at New Albany have voted unanimously in favor of having individual communion cups and this idea will be introduced at the Sunday of next month, when all arrangements for the cup will have been made. Through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Cioke, a few years ago individual communion cups were introduced into the First Presbyterian church of that city, and since then several of the New Albany churches have followed the example. There has been a number of New Albany churches which cling to the old custom.

## NEW ALBANY NOTES.

New Albany subscribers not receiving the Courier-Journal regularly and promptly will please report to McClellan & Albright, City Newsstand Building, 131 East Spring street, Cumberland 131 S. W. Home 504 A.

Eugene Brisby, City Clerk, went to Indianapolis yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the Indiana City Clerks' Association.

Lee Cunningham, a member of No. 2 Reel company, died last night at his home and has been taken to St. Edward's City Hospital for treatment.

A blaze in the Herndon at 311 West Oak street, owned by Michael Shea and occupied by a colored family, caused the alarm yesterday.

William Harmon struck Henry Reinke in the eye with a snowball Sunday. He was arrested by Constable James Kirk and Magistrate Wood fined him \$3.00.

Charles Tankard was arrested by Patrolman Egan on charges of carrying concealed weapons. He was fined \$5.00 by Magistrate J. J. Ferguson.

John Smith, formerly County Commissioner, will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary at his home in Franklin township next Sunday. A number of his friends from this city will visit him on that day to extend congratulations.

Lewis A. Stoy, County Recorder, and Wesley Hunt, ticket and passenger agent of the B. & O. S. W. R. R., returned from a hunting trip in Clark county. They had exceptionally fine luck, bringing home with them fifteen birds in addition to a number of rabbits.

Arrangements are being made for a Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Nellie Memorial Orphan's Home next Monday morning. A number of the children of the generous-hearted people of the city to make liberal contributions in their little ones.

Charles E. Knauer died yesterday morning at his home at 311 West Oak street. He was seventy-three years of age and was a native of Germany. He was buried yesterday afternoon.

Persons who have become delinquent in the payment of interest on money borrowed from the school fund have been notified that this delinquency must be rectified before March 1, 1905, or the county officials will be compelled under the law to bring suits by writ of mortgage against the delinquent borrowers.

William Forman, a native of Floyd county, born and reared in Georgetown township, died early yesterday morning at his home in Clark county. He was an Englishman, his death being due to a complication of diseases. He had been suffering for many months. He was sixty-four years old and he leaves his wife and three children—two sons and a daughter.

John Graham and Marion Masters, Louisville youths, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Sgt. Fess and Patrolman Smith at 101 West Oak street. Both were intoxicated and were greatly annoying persons passing and driving people living in the vicinity. They were taken to the police station and their noisy profanity was silenced by Magistrate J. J. Ferguson.

At the regular meeting of the Musical Union of Louisville, held at 101 West Oak street, on Monday night, the subject will be French opera, with Miss Nellie Euler leading in the excellent program prepared by Mrs. D. G. Gehlert and Miss Elizabeth Vogel. Will have a duet and the soloists will be Miss Ella Dehn, May Morris, Stella Boringford, Flora Zimmerman, Mirta Bradford and McLeish.

Suit was brought in the Floyd Circuit Court at New Albany yesterday afternoon by Edward N. Mitchell as attorney for Jacob N. Wetzel, administrator of the estate of Henry Wetzel, deceased, against the P. C. & C. St. L. Railway Company to recover \$10,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by the death of Henry Wetzel, son of the plaintiff, who represents himself, the young

man's mother and his brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Schaff, wife of W. H. Schaff, yardmaster of the B. & O. S. W. R. R. in Louisville for several years, died yesterday at her home in Indianapolis. She was twenty-seven years old and she leaves her husband and a babe one week old. Her body will probably be taken to Columbus, Mo., for interment, as she was a resident of New Albany.

Mrs. Schaff was an active member of the Second Presbyterian church and of the Amaranth Club, and she was popular both in church and society circles.

—George P. Harris, of Osham county, Ky., and Miss Shirley Sanders were married last evening at the home of the bride on East Oak street by Rev. W. F. Smith, pastor of Centenary, in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. Miss Nan Black, of Cannelton, Ind., was maid of honor, and Walter Smith was best man. After the ceremony presided at the piano, playing the wedding music. After a short time Mr. Harris will leave this morning for Skylight, Ky., to spend the holidays with the groom's parents, and on their return they will live in this city.

—Blankenshaw Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of New Albany, has a committee of its members whose duties are to search for the forgotten graves of soldiers of the Revolutionary War which are located in the cemeteries of Floyd, Washington, Harrison and Orange counties. For several years they have been active in this work and have discovered and neglected graves for which they have secured headstones. A few days ago they discovered the grave of Joseph Bell in Fairview cemetery, near New Albany. Bell was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and after its close he came West, settling in Kentucky. From there he moved to New Albany, where he died more than sixty years ago. He was the grandfather of J. R. Parker, 1715 Elm avenue, being the father of Mr. Parker's mother.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

For your Christmas jewelry go to Phil Koch, Jeweler, Watch, Diamonds and Silver Rings specialties. 225 State street.

## LEE SKAGGS MAKES TROUBLE WHEN ARRESTED.

## Fights Policemen and Acquiesces Only After a Great Outcry.

Lee Skaggs, who was arrested at Fourteenth and Market street yesterday afternoon by Patrolmen Gallagher and Blankenshaw on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, created great excitement in the Central Police Station by resisting the officers when they attempted to search him.

Skaggs, is a small man, but was ferocious from drink, and seemed to be possessed of superhuman strength. Patrolmen Gallagher and Gallagher, Sgt. Sullivan, Corporal Camozzi and Edward King, the station keeper, tried to leave their estate in such a manner that it will be disposed of as they had decided before their death.

## FALLS LIFELESS WHILE WALKING IN YARD.

## Mrs. Bohn's Death Probably the Result of a Heart Attack.

While walking about the yard at the home of her son-in-law, Edward Jecker, 617 East Green street, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Victoria Schwab Bohn fell to the ground, and expired a few minutes later. She had enjoyed the best of health, and when she rose yesterday morning she was apparently well and hearty. She was found a few minutes after leaving the house by a member of the family, and, though still alive, was unconscious. She was taken into the house and a messenger hurried after a physician, but she was dead before he arrived.

## DR. RAMSAY TO REMAIN PASTOR ANOTHER TERM.

## The Rev. Dr. W. H. Ramsay was elected at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Church of the Messiah to serve for another year as pastor of that church. As he has been suffering for some time from tonsillitis, Dr. Ramsay was not able to be present at the meeting.

## ENGLISH RELATIVE WINS POSSESSION OF A CHILD.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A legal battle between wealthy Miss Margaret Robertson, of London, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertson, of Louisville, for possession of a child has been won by Miss Robertson. According to a decision by Judge Lockwood, the child, a boy named Robert, Robertson, although unwilling, must be given into the custody of her English relative, Mrs. Robertson, an aunt of the child. The Mahans were made caretakers of the child by the little one's mother, who died under the care of Mrs. Robertson. Mrs. Robertson desires to make the child her heir, but the little girl has clinging to the Mahans, and insists upon growing up an American, even though penniless. Instead of an English heiress, notice was given by the Mahans that the case will go to the Appellate Court.

## AMPUTATION FOUND NECESSARY.

John Sheehan, seven years of age, of a street, was caught beneath a freight car at Ninth and Oak streets Monday night, and his right leg was so badly mangled that it was found necessary to amputate it. The operation was performed at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital by Dr. Leo Bloch and Dr. O'Brien. The boy was crossing the tracks, when he was run down.

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## PAPER IS FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Yellow with age and badly torn from much handling, an original pension bounty warrant, issued in 1856, figured in the Clark Circuit Court at Jeffersonville yesterday, and is of considerable value. The document is owned by Melvin J. Talley, and is numbered 75,455, the date of its issue being June 5, 1856. The original owner was Thomas V. Smith, who was given the warrant, which is good for 120 acres of Government land as a bounty for services in the army as a private in Capt. William's company, Georgia militia, in the Florida War.

Smith, it appears, held on to the warrant without making any use of it until November 9, 1877, when he transferred it to H. C. Talley, father of Melvin J. Talley. Talley, who was then a minor, had no more use for the warrant than Smith and he retained possession of it until his death November 18, 1898, when he died intestate and without his estate being administered upon, the paper falling into the hands of Melvin J. Talley, as one of the heirs.

After the death of H. C. Talley, Smith, on November 5, 1898, executed and delivered a formal and complete assignment of the warrant to the children of the original purchaser, and it has remained in the hands of M. J. Talley ever since. No land has ever been taken on the warrant, and it is said Talley has the right to go anywhere in the United States and stake out 120 acres of Government land that still remains untaken. Recently a firm in Washington that makes the purchase of such papers its business wrote M. J. Talley and offered him a money consideration for the old warrant, which he refused to accept. He is now in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions. During the negotiations Talley said he would have to go into the office of the Commissioner of Pensions and get the warrant, which he did yesterday, and that is how the old document came into the hands of Melvin J. Talley, who is now in the hands of the Commissioner of Pensions.

## JEFFERSONVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. George H. Frank, while walking in the yard at her home on East Market street yesterday, slipped on an ice-covered pavement and fell, breaking her left wrist.

Thomas Mayberry and Miss Mattie Harris, of Louisville, were married yesterday by Magistrate R. T. Nixon. The groom is thirty years old and the bride twenty.

Wesley C. Williams and Leonora E. Williams yesterday transferred to Law, renee R. McGowan seventeen acres of land in Grant No. 1, east of this city, for a consideration of \$14,000.

Wesley C. Kelly yesterday filed his bond in the sum of \$100 with the County Commissioners as surety for Clark county, the surety being John Jecker, M. J. Kehoe and George W. Baxter.

An executor's deed was filed in the office of Recorder George W. Kirk yesterday morning. Mary Alice Howard to John C. Eberhart for thirty-four acres of land in Grant No. 46, for a consideration of \$600.

Several farmers living between Charlottesville and Sellersburg will go before the County Commissioners at the January meeting and ask for a franchise to operate a telephone line between the two towns.

The two suits of the German Savings and Loan Association against the City of Jeffersonville on appeals from street railway cases, will be argued before Judge Utz to-morrow in the Circuit Court.

William E. Thompson, twenty-three years old and a machinist, and Miss Martha A. Jordan, nineteen years old, eloped from Crawfordsville last city yesterday and were married by Magistrate R. J. Ferguson.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to China R. Beard, of Owen township, and Miss Olio Crum, of Owen township, and the wedding will take place today. The groom-to-be was formerly a guard at the Reformatory.

William Anthony and Jessie Thurman, the couple who arranged the novel plan to wed in spite of objections of the girl's father, were married at the police station by Magistrate R. J. Ferguson.

With George H. Voigt and Henry F. Diger, as sureties, Joseph A. McElroy filed a bond in the sum of \$2,000 against the City of Jeffersonville on appeal from street railway case, and the case will be argued before Judge Utz to-morrow in the Circuit Court.

John Dege, a tramp, was arrested for trespass in the Big Rock railroad yards yesterday morning. George Kirk during Monday night, and when taken before Magistrate Miller yesterday was given ten minutes to get out of town.

Relatives in this city were notified yesterday of the death of Mrs. Ida B. Taylor, at her home, 1407 Southeastern avenue, Indianapolis. She was forty-six years old and a native of this city. Her father was Andrew J. Baxter.

Henry Tribble yesterday filed suit for divorce from Bertie Tribble on the ground of abandonment. They were married March 21, 1892, and lived together until March, 1904. The defendant is a non-resident of the State of Indiana.

Joseph R. Green, a carpenter, yesterday filed a suit in the Clark Circuit Court against Edmond Williams and several others for the recovery of a sum of money, on which he holds a mechanic's lien, the entire amount involved being \$8.

A final report was made yesterday by Mrs. Laura Barrett, as guardian of Sam. Barrett, which she showed that her ward had become of age and filed a receipt that he had been paid his part of the estate of his father, Capt. Atlanta Barrett.

Mrs. Mary Garrett Rhy, a native of Charlottesville, and a prominent worker in the women's club, has been elected president of the organization known as Daughters of Indiana in New York. Mrs. E. W. Fitch, until recently of this city, was made the secretary.

Miss Edna West, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward West, of Charlottesville, was yesterday morning of typhoid pneumonia, which followed a severe case of influenza. The body was taken to Burleigh, S. C., for burial, the family accompanying the remains.

The board of directors of the City of Jeffersonville met last night for the purpose of confirming the report of the City Commissioners on the assessment of the excavations some time this week by the Louisville Water Company. In the summer the board will be in charge of the excavations while during the winter it affords excellent opportunities for skating.

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